

Dun Laoghaire Central Resident's Association

Survey Results

March 2019

"It's a city in its own right- it has the best of everything.

Howth has its own visit Howth campaign. DL has so much more to offer but it's all so disjointed.

We need to connect everything up somehow.

Weave a community together that already exists and is willing and wanting to engage."

(Resident)

Background: The Dun Laoghaire Central Resident's Association (DLCRA) is a newly established resident's association representing Dun Laoghaire town & immediate surroundings. We set out to gather information on what issues matter to the people who live in the town. These results provide the foundation for our mission and help us focus our initiative on things that the people of Dun Laoghaire care about.

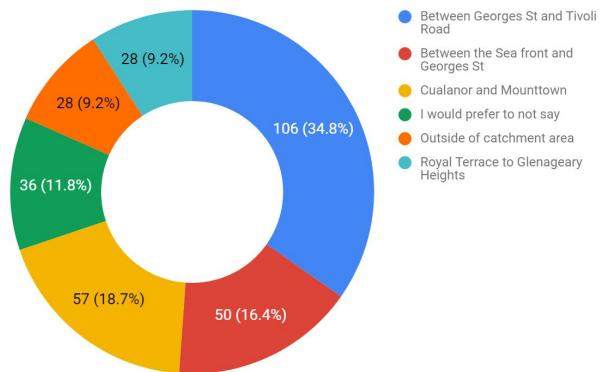
~1300 printed questionnaires distributed
to households in the center of the town

Questionnaire pushed through Facebook

305 responses received

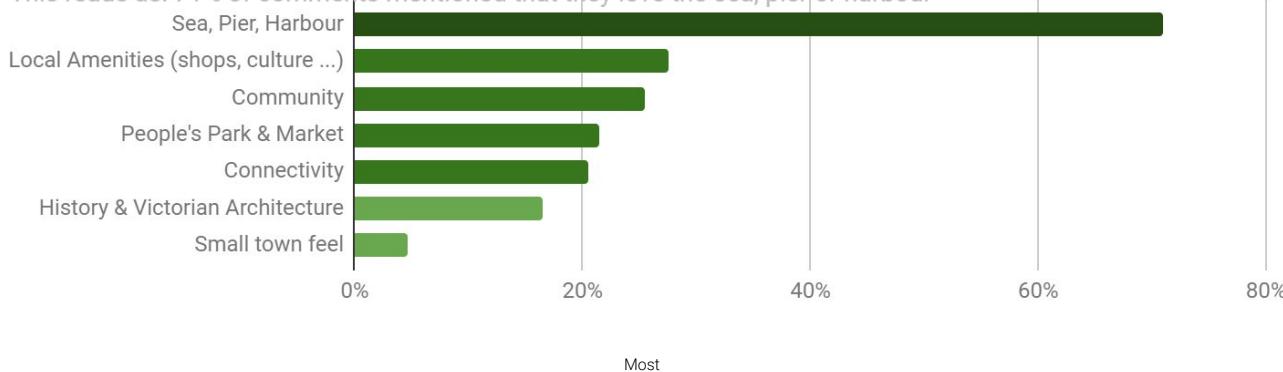
91% signed by name

81% provided an e-mail address



Residents told us what they love about Dun Laoghaire ...

This reads as: 71% of comments mentioned that they love the sea, pier or harbour



It has bags of character & is a very unique town which is big enough to be self-sufficient.

(Resident)

Summary:

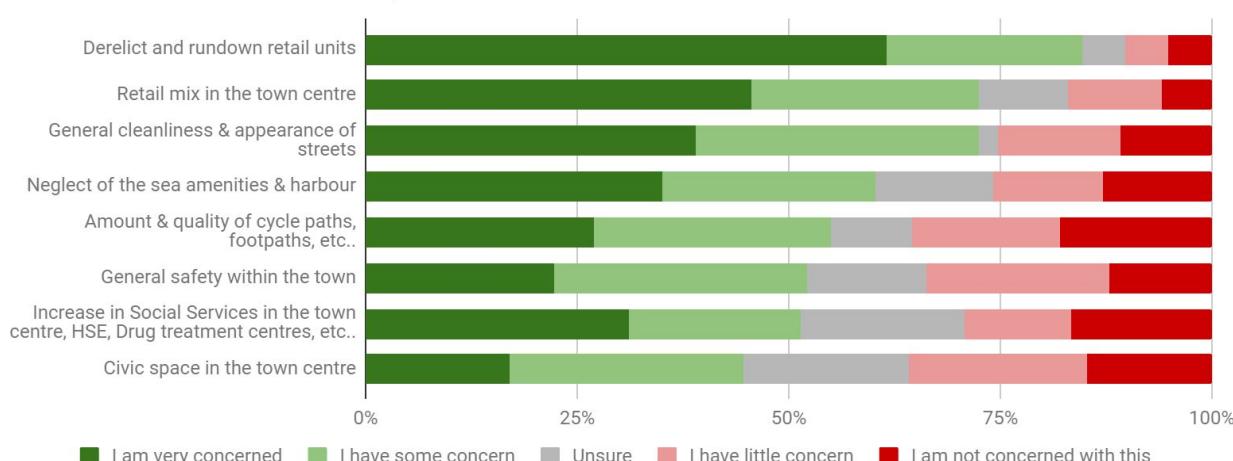
(A selection of full comments can be found in appendix)

- **Sea, Pier, Harbour:** Dun Laoghaire's unique location by the sea is by far the most frequently mentioned. People love living by the sea while also living in a town, walking on the pier/along the seafront and engaging in seaside activities. A few people mentioned that there's a holiday feel around the town.
- **Community:** Residents very consistently highlight a strong community spirit, friendliness among neighbors & people in the town and a good social & cultural mix of people. There's mention of local events, family events and a great buzz particularly in the summer.
- **Amenities:** The availability of local amenities such as shops, cafes, restaurants, cinema, library, post office and theatre is mentioned throughout as well as the convenience of being able to access all of it by foot. The combination of this with the seaside location and connectivity to Dublin City and countryside is often highlighted to describe DL's uniqueness. Numerous explicit mentions of the LexIcon.
- **People's Park & Market:** The park in general and the Sunday market in particular attract people in and to Dun Laoghaire.
- **Location & Connectivity:** Residents praise the strategic location of the town with proximity, easy access & public transport connections to Dublin City and the the surrounding countryside while also enjoying the benefits of a seaside location itself. Multiple mentions of the easy daily commute into the city.
- **History & Victorian Architecture:** People value that Dun Laoghaire is a town with history, they love the old Victorian architecture and feel that a lot of the atmosphere in the town is created through those bits of history that are preserved.
- **Small town/village feel:** A theme that came up repeatedly is that of a village feel. The contrast of having all amenities and being close to Dublin City and yet part of what feels like a small town or village appeals to people.

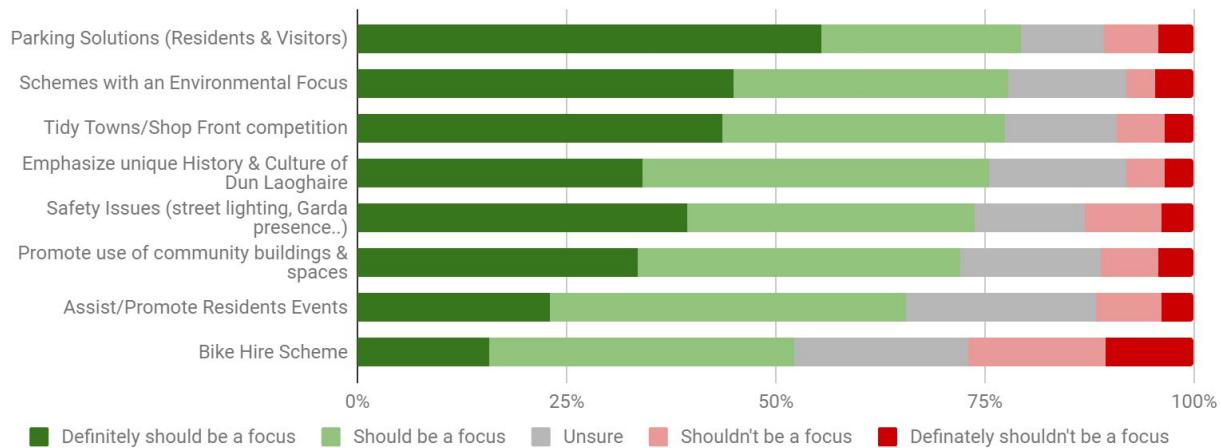
Growing up in DL, there was always a buzz about the town, even on a dull winters day, there was always life. To be able to get a bracing walk on the promenade or pier, go and get something to eat and then go shopping, all in the one place, what's not to love.

(Resident)

Residents told us what they're concerned about ...

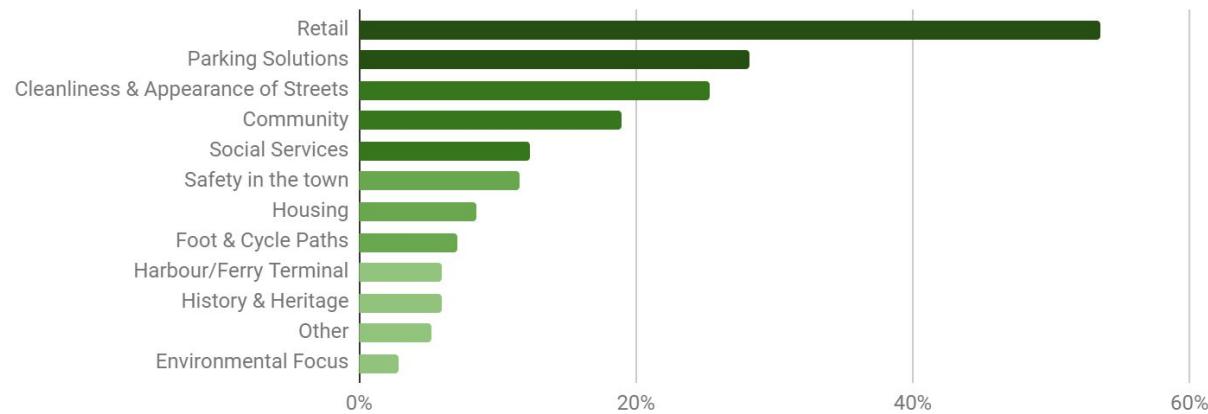


And which types of schemes they would like see supported ...



Residents told us what they would change if anything was possible

This can be read as: 54% of comments addressed the topic of retail.



"I want it to feel vibrant and amazing. Like Ranelagh or similar.

What can we do to make the magic happen!"

(Resident)

Summary

(A selection of full comments can be found in appendix)

- Retail and Parking overwhelmingly the biggest concerns and strongly interlinked.
- **Retail:** Residents feel that the council could attract businesses through lower rates, penalize empty/derelict shops through fines and bring more traffic through better/cheaper parking solutions. 45% of all retail related comments call for the old shopping centre to be removed/rebuild. Dunnes stores site frequently mentioned as point of frustration. High density of charity shops is perceived as unattractive and uninviting for money spending visitors. A small number of comments voice concerns over how much of a chance ordinary retail can have in Dun Laoghaire given the competition from new shopping centres in Blackrock, Cherrywood and Online Shopping. Some ideas voiced around giving the town a theme and attracting business through that, e.g. a retail village like Kildare (apparently a concept successfully

applied to dying towns in the US) or an Eco theme that could unite community, tourism and retail. See the full comments for detail.

- **Parking:** The biggest concern expressed is that shoppers and visitors are pushed to other locations due to the expensive parking charges, which robs the town of the chance to build up its retail landscape. Vice versa residents feel that making parking free/cheaper could be an effective lever kick-starting retail developments when paired with efforts to attract retailers. Some streets (e.g. Clarinda) face significant parking problems for residents who struggle to find parking near their homes.
- **Appearance of streets:** Dog poo emerges as a huge frustration point in a large number of comments. Residents propose larger fines for dog fouling and the introduction of litter wardens or cameras. Additionally there is a general wish for more street level cleaning, better clearing of leaves in the autumn and generally more greenery in the centre. Run-down and derelict buildings make streets feel dirty even in the absence of litter.
- **Community:** There is a desire for more community events in general. Many comments specifically ask for more things to do for kids, teenagers and young people. Again people propose that the council could enable the creation of new social venues through reduced rates. Frequent request to reintroduce a summer festival that was much appreciated but discontinued. Some specific ideas to introduce days for "Open Houses" and "Open Gardens" where private people invite others into their (historical) houses or (beautiful) gardens, introducing communal herb/vegetable/fruit gardens, communal compost solutions etc. See comments for more detail. Proposals to create more civic space where people can get together, e.g. an attractive town square where the old shopping center currently is.
- **Social Services:** Concerns being voiced over the density of social services in Dun Laoghaire center and safety concerns that arise from that. Many people have commented that these services would be better located outside of the town center and ideally stretched across DLR. Many concerns relate particularly to the large number of people with drug addiction in the town and the public consumption of drugs.
- **Safety:** Most comments in this section called for more Garda presence on the streets and raised concerns about anti social behavior in the town center.
- **Harbour/Ferry Terminal:** There is a consistent request to reactivate the old ferry terminal that has been empty since the ferry service was discontinued. Many residents call for the ferry to be brought back. Others propose to redevelop the space into something radically different that will attract tourism, such as a luxury hotel or an entertainment venue like a big aquarium or augmented reality.
- **Foot & Cycle Paths:** Residents wish for improvements to and better maintenance of footpaths, some specific streets mentioned. There are also voices asking for more (child friendly) cycle lanes.
- **Housing:** This category was not suggested in our original questionnaire but emerged from the comments as frequently mentioned. Residents propose to convert spaces above shops into living space to provide more housing, increase footfall and improve the overall look & feel of the town. Some have also proposed to replace the Shopping Center with apartments instead.
- **History & Heritage:** People call for a protection, preservation and renovation of old buildings. There is criticism towards many modern buildings creeping in and a general sense that the history of the town could be better marketed.
- **Environmental Focus:** While environmental topics were rated as the 3rd most desirable scheme in the question above, there were only very few comments/proposals, which might suggest that people feel that it is important but need help to develop ideas how to address it.

APPENDIX

FULL TEXT COMMENTS “What do you love about Dun Laoghaire?”

(Please note: There were many more comments. Those that were very similar to those listed here were left out to keep this list digestible.)

SEA

“Love the sound of the birds coming in from the sea. The tinkle of the boats in the harbour and the beautiful views - Sandycove on a summers day.”

“Near unspoilt (as yet!) views of the coast”

“I love the seafront, watching the boats, walking the pier, walking in the peoples park.”

“Walk on the West pier without dog always holistically therapeutic.”

“Love the whole bay”

“The seafront walk from Sandycove to Salthill is one of the most beautiful walks In the country.”

etc. etc. etc.

COMMUNITY

“Feeling a part of the a community.”

“Diversity, how involved the community is (i.e: renovation of the old bath)”

“It is a wonderful patchwork place to live.” Despite the size off the Borough, George’s Street is still somewhere I often visit and usually bump into someone I know”

“Dun Laoghaire is almost like a Portal Realm where all sorts of people go to. I've lived in 9 homes in Dun Laoghaire in 30 years.”

“Commend community spirit in long standing businesses”

“The people, friendly shopkeepers”

“General ambiance & feel within the town”

“the sense of community , the mix of residents, businesses and diversity of the people who live, work and visit here.”

“A few summer evernts in the sea have shared the joy for civic cohesion”

“I love that it is cosmopolitan with all income groups in one area surly the ideal in a republic.”

“I love the community spirit we have in Dun Laoghaire active retirement.”

“eclectic group of friendly people . History enthusiasm of locals.”

“community which has so much potential to build up the amenities”

“The Beatyard music festival @Ferry Terminal”

“I love the community events that are run.”

“Neighbourhood - nice mix of people, good neighbours”

“The community friendly atmosphere Sea front and the peoples park market”

“Friendly local people”

“Always something going on.”

“Nice Community feel after living here 8 years. Shop owners are the lovliest people.”

“the people. the vibe. the culture”

“Friendliness of majority you meet”

“I love the people. It’s the people of Dun Laoghaire that make the place. Every shop owner provides a personal service and you see random people in the community go above and beyond the call of duty for their town.”

“It’s beauty, it is a community, and there is a future”

“The community spirit”

“Social mix”

“We live on a friendly street with nice neighbours.”

“Great vibe, especially in summertime”

“its mixity both cultural and social”

“I love the social mix. Storyboards about the town would be an idea. My mother is 97 and it’s wonderful to hear about old Dun Laoghaire.”

“The cultural mix. The mixed age profile. My lovely neighbors. Sense of being part of a comm”

“Friendly villagy atmosphere”

"Lovely sense of community"
"family events"
"The diversity of population including services for the Homeless and less advantaged."
"festivals"
"it's a great place for family- great community"

LOCAL AMENITIES

"I love Patrick Street and am constantly pleased by the variety and very high quality of the individual shops.....how lucky to be able to walk there."

"The shops,The local amenities"

"shopping- 'hipster food shopping' new bakery, organic 'gourmet', aine, fishmonger, Hicks, good butcher. Town centre: have cinema, hospital, shopping, library, schools, restaurants all walkable."

"All amenities are within walking distance."

"Situated in nature's lap with every civic and social amenity nearby (market, library, parks, post office, surgery)"

"Availability of services."

"Accessibility to restaurants, bars, cinema & shopping. Love Murphy's veg shop, fish shop & butchers & library. McKennas pub is a gem."

"People's park, library & restaurant"

"library, Pavilion theatre"

"Growing up in DL, there was always a buzz about the town, even on a dull winters day, there was always life."

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"Outdoor amenities"

"The convenience and access to all amenities"

"All shops nearby and dart station"

"The town is lovely. It has everything close by and is beautiful!"

"Some nice pubs ,cinema, theatre, park teddys! Gyms in area are good."

"Dun Laoghaire has easy access to both the city and to the surrounding countryside, it is by the sea. It has history and has mostly very good amenities, from parks to the lexicon and the sea front so that it is a good place to visit and a good base for visitors."

"Dun Laoghaire has easy access to both the city and the surrounding countryside. Very importantly it is beside the sea and this is a major attraction. It has good amenities, like the People's Park. And at weekends with all the visitors there is a holiday feel about the town."

"The charity shops, market on Sunday, the library, the pier and ice cream shops and the cute cafes."

"It has all the amenities of a large town, but is actually quite small."

"I enjoy the high street with its mix of small and chain stores and cafes."

"The unique stores and restaurants popping up...close to the sea. Less franchises than other areas. Feels arty, trendy and different"

"Olivettos, the library, the pier, walking along the seafront, the peoples park market on a Sunday, fallon & Byrne."

"History, architecture, sea, coffee shops, library services & festivals."

"small owner operated businesses"

"New small businesses on the lanes"

"Proximity to and view of the sea, proximity to cafes, shops, cinema, hotels etc. Still has a village feel Don't have to drive as everything is on your doorstep and there's great public transport."

"What I love most about Dun Laoghaire is its uniqueness. Its amenities. That you can have such an amazing amenity as the coastline, walks by the sea, which can be shared by so many other visitors at the weekends, the new library, conservation. Interesting shops...."

"Love the charity shops, market on Sunday, the library, pier and swimming spots, ice cream shops and cute cafes"

"So many facilities on our doorstep- sea, transport, cultural and retail all in a mature historical setting"

PEOPLE'S PARK & MARKET:

"People's Park"

"The People's Park Sunday market and Pier/seaside activity are good examples of what Dun Laoghaire has to offer."

" The green spaces"
"The sea front and the market in Peoples Park"
"The pier the walks, the market on a sunday"
" It has good amenities, like the People's Park. And at weekends with all the visitors there is a holiday feel about the town."
"Also the people's park on Sunday is lovely."
"Healthy sunday shopping from local farmers in peoples park is a luxury treat."

LOCATION & CONNECTIVITY

"Proximity to the sea and to city centre"
"Public transport -- lots of and easy to access
"It's the Perfect location, 20 minutes from the countryside, 20 minutes from the city."
"Being by the sea yet so near to the city."
"connectivity to the city center"
"Dart station"
"Dun Laoghaire has easy access to both the city and to the surrounding countryside, it is by the sea. It has history and has mostly very good amenities, from parks to the lexicon and the sea front so that it is a good place to visit and a good base for visitors."
"We are so strategically located with everything near our doorsteps, people drive from miles to walk the pier and use our coffee shops. Its a busy but local hub."
"The Dart is convenient for city centre access."
"The closeness to forest and hills."
"Quiet, clean, well structured and excellent accessibility to public transport and other parts of Dublin."
"Proximity to sandycove beach, easy city centre access"
"It's location and surrounding environs"
"The easy commute to the city"
"Good transport service."
"Proximity to sea, mountains, nature, city."

HISTORY & VICTORIAN ARCHITECTURE

"The architectural heritage that creates the unique atmosphere."
"The heritage architecture."
"The sea, the towns, the hills and history"
"History"
"The old buildings"
"Our town history goes back so far, it's a beautiful town"
"All the wonderful granite structures built by the Victorians."
"It's also beautiful and I think its vital to preserve the historic aspects of the town and limit ugly modernisation, ahem, the library is an example - great resource, but why?!"
"I love the history of the town. The lovely old buildings like old library at library road. Storyboards about the town would be an idea. My mother is 97 and it's wonderful to hear about old Dun Laoghaire."
"It's unique character with its mixture of old Victorian town and seafaring history."
"Intact Victorian Squares within ACA"
"It's beautiful old buildings and structures."
"Commend current survey of architectural heritage in DLR, which will raise awareness of the importance of all local services"
"I love that town still have Victorian village character"
"I love the beauty, location and history of Dunleary. I love the harbour and the fine buildings. I want to see the Victorian monument and railings painted light blue as before."

FULL TEXT COMMENTS

"If you could do anything, what would you change in Dun Laoghaire?"

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RETAIL

"We need one or two big name anchor tenants to attract shoppers. We need to force shop owners to use empty retail units. "

"Something must be done to attract new stores to the main street and bring footfall to make them viable. Incentives for a few big anchor stores in the shopping centre would help."

"It would be great to see initiatives by the council or chamber of commerce to encourage more local businesses to set up in DL."

"I would like to see more small, local stores (like Costello flowers, Murphy's poultry, etc). Malahide and Gorey, towns of a similar size, are excellent examples of this. Also, there should be more pop-use of the building opposite the main entrance to the People's Park."

"Would love to see a better variety of shops, would love an art gallery in the high street as well. I feel like the town is oversubscribed as far as coffee and charity shops go."

"The shopping center with pietonnal street on Georges street. I would push to redo the main Shopping center, which would be the center of the town, with additional free parking spaces, and close down Georges street to make it pietonal."

"Knock and replace the DL shopping, encourage dunnes to complete and other retailers to move in as anchors."

"Dunlaoghaire has a lot going for it however I feel that the council are extremely slow to capitalise on the town's opportunities. The Main Street together with the shopping centre needs some outside the box thinking to make the area become a shopping choice for people within the greater DLRCC area."

"The shopping centre used to be a booming hub now it's a ghost town."

"People drive away from DL because the lack of shops."

"It's not competing with other shopping areas which is ridiculous because it's absolutely huge and serviced by nearly all major transport modes. "

"Lower rent to let small business grow. With the college IADT so close there are so many locations around Dun Laoghaire that could be of use for the college (workshops, business ideas, events...)"

"Lower commercial rates for smaller businesses and get the larger stores to pay the shortfall if possible."

"Our family have lived in dun laoghaire for over 100 years. the heart of DL was taken out when the shopping centre was built and further damaged when Bloomfield was developed. It split the town. the situation at Dunnes added to it's present state. the drug treatment centre made it intimidating for older residents shopping locally. This town is a sleeping gem waiting for a vision of what will be it's future. Too many vested interested have been allowed to stop the development of the town. come up with a vision of an original idea not another DUNDRUM copy cat. make it a destination with a difference where people will enjoy living and visiting again. I love the place and want my children and grandchildren to love it too. it's a special place."

"Too many coffee shops, pubs, eating places, etc. Give me more variety of fashion, homeware, education, fun, family attractions, more life to this beautiful town."

"There is too much emphasis on the sea front, and no attention focused on the town centre"

"Give it a heart again. It just seems that nobody cares. So many empty shop units. It used to be buzzing night and day. It's like a ghost town especially at night."

"The council neglect of the town. No encouragement to shop thanks to high rates which force people to close shops and the cost of car parking which makes the likes of Dundrum more attractive. Far too many charity shops."

"I think that when Cherrywood opens it will have a severe impact on the town."

"The Dunnes Stores site is an eye-sore."

"I feel the shopping centre needs to be redeveloped to allow for retail & restaurant units - but also enclosing an attractive civic space or square in the middle of the town for people to gather. I think that this would attract people from the seafront to the Main Street and would be a lovely community amenity."

"Get rid of the shopping centre, a five star hotel along with Marine hotel plus mix of residential/ restaurants would change flavour. Nothing will change until the shopping centre is removed."

"If I'm being honest, I find myself going to Glasthule far more often because it has more desirable options (retail, service and dining)."

"The centre of Dun Laoghaire is awful. It needs some good shops. Too many coffee shops, hairdressers, second hand shops. Bloomfield is awful except for a couple of stores ie Diffiney."

"I would also raze the shopping centre to the ground because it is an eye sore. It is not needed for a small town. Surely the retail businesses could occupy any of the numerous empty units on the main Street. Building apartments here would provide housing and increase footfall/population of the town and generate economic growth."

"I would pull down the ugly shopping center on corner of St. George's and Marine roads. I would put a park or market type atmosphere in there. I hate the shopping center! It embarrasses me when I show my friends and visitors Dun Laoghaire."

"I would welcome the opportunity to get more department stores (M&S food, clothing; Dunnes Stores food, something similar to Debenhams as there are a few places to shop clothing)."

"The shopping center. It seems to be a hang out place for the less fortunate, you have to get around them to enter, it is a ugly building and it gives a really bad presentation of a village that could be lovely. The same with the main street, it is very unattractive. All the focus seems to be gone to the sea front, which feels like a different village. As a resident I rather leave Dun Laoghaire in the weekend and get my shopping somewhere else which is a shame."

"We can't buck worldwide trends of the decline of Main Street retail so accept conversion of retail to housing. Result more people and a smaller but sustainable retail presence "

"Monkstown Plaza has recently been overhauled (i.e. where Avoca is) whoever did that is amazing - should be used for Dun Laoghaire. Lots of shops in the town are run-down or empty, consider a Kildare Village Retail setup, this has been done with dying towns in the USA."

"Limit the amount of charity shops, demolish the old shopping center, it is and always has been an eyesore. Dun Laoghaire deserves a far nicer building, especially when one remembers the beautiful houses and shops that were demolished to make way for the shopping centre"

"Biggest concern is that it is so run down and lots of empty/low quality shops etc. I think with the extension of shopping in Blackrock and new Shopping Center in Cherrywood Dun Laoghaire will find it hard to compete through ordinary retail, not to

mention that retail in city centers all over the world is struggling/closing down because of online shopping. I'd try to develop something unusual in DL that adds value for residents and attracts folks from other areas. For example: Dun Laoghaire - Ireland's Eco Town. Let lots of things in the city evolve around that and market it accordingly:

- 1) Attract a plastic free supermarket. Unusual, current affair, strong public interest, I heard there is 1 in the country so far. People from DUB would travel to DL for that.
- 2) As seen in Germany (Andernach, the edible city): Introduce free, communal, self-grown herbs, fruit and vegetables. Have big boxes all over the city, get local schools to adopt a box and the kids grow herbs, fruit and vegetables there and everyone is free to take what they want. Use this to run an image campaign.
- 3) Get the Happy Pear to open a restaurant/cafe, attracts crowds & good for community. Give them an incentive.
- 4) As seen in Germany: Introduce an annual ""Open Gardens Day"" where residents allow people to come and see their beautiful gardens. People buy a ticket for 10 EURs for the day and gain entry to all open gardens and maybe allow kids to sell lemonade in their gardens.
- 5) Have a non commercial summer festival in People's Park in the summer that stretches over many weekends and brings the community together. There used to be open air cinema.
- 6) Also plant boxes with flowers for bees. Label everything accordingly and run a big campaign that advertises DL as an eco town.
- 7) All of this might result in other eco brands/companies wanting to open shops in DL. Adjust rates accordingly to make it attractive."

"Demolish the shopping centre. This must be one of the most depressing centres in Ireland."

"DL Shopping Centre could be an interesting space (think English Market in Cork)."

"Combine empty shop fronts in main street and other streets into (Potential to be state of the art eco centre and organic food & sustainable produce hub)"

"I would knock down that depressing 1980's monolith of a shopping centre. It's half empty, the shops are uninteresting and its past its sell-by date. It is also not in any way a destination place. The main street is dominated by empty shops, charity shops, cheap shoe shops, and many third rate hair dressers shops. It has the feeling of a very depressed town."

"Insist on better marketing strategies for main retail shopping areas; incentivise artisan shops that will draw families to live/rent (no specialist toy shop?)"

"I would get the council to incentivise & change their policy to shrink the commercial town centre. then make the vacant properties at either ends residential. Give funding if shops & commercial premises follow shop front & colour guidelines so Dun Laoghaire gets an attractive & fully occupied main street such as Greystones."

"I would try to encourage and improve better retail outlets. Glasthule and Dalkey are good examples of what can be done with good business spirit. I wish I could improve the Dun Laoghaire Shopping centre by attracting a major retailer to take over a section of it."

"There are no good shops/boutiques in Dun Laoghaire. Glasthule five minutes from DL is a destination for shoppers as it has several high-end shops and restaurants. The Cuanor development has hundreds of families in A/B social grouping who could be customers for a better quality shopping experience. Except for 3 chain stores who have small units represented in the town and a few independent shops there is very little to attract other than a plethora of charity shops on the main street. What are the owners of the shopping centre doing to bring in retailers to the empty units?"

I think there should be some incentive for the existing shops to improve their shop front and window displays. Except for Brian S Nolan, home focus and Tierney's there seems to be very little effort made on the part of the shop owners to address the appearance of their units. I know it is hard to display shoes, but those units are the worst offenders."

"Dun Laoghaire should be a destination town like Howth or Kinsale in Cork. We need more good restaurants and shops."

"Enforce regulations on owners of vacant shops to keep them clean, especially Dunnes Stores - vacant 10 years. Encourage more artisan shops."

"More shops like little boutiques, handcrafted Irish jewellery, more bars that are modern and youthful"

"We have some great shops - both the small independents and the larger Penny's, etc. - all of which have their place but there are quite a few derelict premises which give the area a more decrepit air than is fair. Shop owners work hard for business in this town and neglectful landlords should be targeted."

PARKING

"The strip development of the town could be minimised by making George's street one way and the coast streets the other direction which would allow parking on one side of each road."

"DL should have a sign to all the (often half empty) carparks with number of spaces available in each, so visitors can find a space easily."

"When resident parking started, once you had a permit you could park anywhere. When this was restricted to your local street many elderly residents who need their car for shopping stopped using local shops but used shopping centres or areas where free parking was available. Lift restriction on resident permits and you might rejuvenate the local retail business."

"The price of parking eliminates the choice to go to DL. Who would pay 2.70 just to drive into Bloomfield when dundrum is 3 for 3 hours Carrickmines is free along side a whole host of other places."

"Our town history goes back so far, it's a beautiful town seriously let down by parking meters, lack of good shops except a few, I would go to retail parks before dun Laoghaire as it's costs me in parking despite me spending a good bit in shops down on main Street."

"The town is destroyed because parking is pathetically over priced."

"48 euro to park a car overnight is madness. There is no point encouraging new business to the town and not overhauling parking in it."

"Correctly highlighted road markings spacing and signage for disabled Drivers/Passengers with eg Extra wide spacing and a program set out to show the importance of these spaces."

"Parking should be free."

"Parking on a Sunday is a nightmare make Clarinda Park residents parking or may people pay on Sunday - we are like prisoners"

"Parking is a big issue. We have a permit to park on our street. However when the weather is good, we don't use our car as we won't be blessed to find a space when we return."

"First thing I would do is scrap parking charges as this to me is a huge put off to visiting. Even if I want to walk the pier you can't just pay for half an hour in the meters."

"3hrs for the price of 1 on parking like dundrum. Would bring me in for coffee and small items more. I can't even bring the dogs to the vet without trying to find a meter to pour money into before I go in. Redo the shopping centre, it's soulless."

"I firmly believe that multi story car parking should be built on the HSE site on Tivoli Road thus encouraging people to walk down Patrick Street to grow the area and reduce the anger over perceived lack of space for shoppers."

"There's very little bike racks, it is difficult to park cycles safely."

"Parking, Parking Parking. Why dont DLRCC paint individual parking bay space lines instead of one long bay for multiple cars..people dont utilise all the space and we end up losing a space due to bad parking or not spacing cars properly."

"I remember seeing some very good proposals to try and tackle traffic and parking. None have been implemented. I think the parking situation (lack of parking) is having a significant impact on revenue for the town."

"The council gouging residents for parking fees has got to stop."

"The parking- puts me off. Sat should be free to encourage shoppers."

"I would give first hour parking free in town centre."

"Free parking for residents (even of greater DL and Glenageary), more parking for residents."

"parking prepaid day pass allow move between zones & claim back if certain amount spent."

"Residents parking only on Dungar Terrace"

"Espand residents only parking - on street parking is a nightmare (as are overly zealous traffic wardens)"

"Parking. I am retired and shop daily for 2 hours in the town, have fallen foul of parking attendants many times, now park in Pavilion car park at €70 per month i.e. €840 per annum. This is utterly disgraceful given that I live in the most highly taxed borough in the country!"

"Return of Residents' parking permits covering the whole of DL. Shouldn't have to pay for parking to see your doctor, etc."

"Parking. DL has a very bad name for visitor parking problems. Maybe it could be possible to use the DART parking spaces better, e.g. have better weekend ""parking offers"" at the nearby stations where a family can park and then get the DART into DL. The cars coming out of the indoor car park across from the east pier hold up the cars on the road coming from Sandycove. And it can take up to 3/4 hour to move from Teddys to Meadows & Byrne on a sunny Sunday (I experienced this last Sunday)."

"Competitive parking charges or bus shuttle for shopping"

"Have parking charges in residential area (eg Clarinda park) extends to Sundays with peoples park market etc.. it is impossible for residents on sundays to park near their residences"

"I would like the association to get in touch with the county council about their allocation of residents parking permits. Commercial vehicles (see photo) parked in Mellifont Ave - fine at one time. there are two vans left now - one of which hasn't moved for years. Surely it was not the intention of the permit system."

"The parking charges, they should be reduced to a reasonable level. Charges should finish at 4pm to encourage shoppers on their way home from work to shop in Dun Laoghaire."

"Parking, earmark some areas for residents only. I have two small children and it can be very difficult to access my own house because of Dun Laoghaire's popularity, particularly on a Sunday, during the summer and if the weather is fine."

CLEANLINESS & APPEARANCE OF STREETS

"More trees and greenery in centre"

"Little more focus on cleanliness esp during autumn (clearing falling leaves which blocks the drains and cause cars splashing water on kids on the way to school and also make roads really slippery)"

"More wardens to pick up Dog mess and rubbish from the side roads where no bins are provided."

"The main street is very run down with vacant buildings and doesn't feel clean even though litter isn't a huge problem. It used to be very clean and we need the same DL back"

"All the litter from scrumdidley's customer there is melted ice cream and cartons everywhere especially after a busy weekend"

"Dog poo - clean the streets. All of them."

"The pavement from Library Road up Lwr Georges Street into the Bloomfields always looks dirty, need gum removal etc and empty units should be cleaned."

"Clean up litter, and especially all the dog mess"

"I am alarmed at the dirtiness of the streets and the lack of retail planning etc. I think a tidy towns committee would be a great idea."

"We pay EUR750 to EUR1000 LPT p/a and we do not see that money being spent on our street (Tivoli Rd). Our footpaths around the area are never cleaned. They are full of weeds in the summer and in the autumn the leaves are never cleaned up, even after storms."

"It is very untidy in comparison to Monkstown, Glasthule and Dalkey. The council never clean my side of Mulgrave Street. I volunteered to do it myself, but they will not allow me to dispose of leaves, even though the trees on the street are council property."

"Dog dirt on the footpaths. Cleaning of streets especially residential areas further from town centre. Weed control in the summer."

"The dog poo and street dirt is incredible. It makes me ashamed daily and turns people off shopping in the town. Clean those streets twice a day. Plant flowers and grass for dogs to poo on!"

"A second issue is regarding illegal dumping, the top of Library road seems to be a permanent tip for all sort of refuse. It seems to be that what's required for places where people are living so close together (small houses with no possibility for wheely bins) that community refuse bins such as provided in some European cities would be a good idea."

"I would have more patrol on dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs on the streets and parks. Unfortunately, I feel the majority of the offenders go out early in the morning or late at night and so are not detected. I am a dog owner myself and feel that the amount of dog poo on the streets and pier has reached record levels. The pier staff work tirelessly to keep the pier clean but the amount of rubbish discarded, especially in the bath area to the right of the pier is gobsmacking. The pier cleaning staff do not seem to have responsibility for this area - who does ?? There are no bins for people for people to dump their takeaway food containers which only gives licence to littering and I feel that the food wagons should bear some responsibility for this as well."

"An active presence of gardai or litter wardens. It is embarrassing seeing rubbish or dog foul on the very trodden paths."

"Spend more on clearing weeds , and garbage on streets . Knock down derelict buildings."

"More trees, parks using permaculture and promotion of self-sufficiency"

"Pavements are disgusting and covered in dogs dirt can actually spoil your walk, terrible for visitors first impression."

"Shopping center looks very dated, streets look average, pavement is made of plain concrete etc. not many flowers or trees. Some streets or junctions are dangerous for kids (eg. Tivoli road). Patrick Street doesn't look good, I walk here every day from the Dart back home. I would love a better looking town, this would make it more attractive, give a sense of belonging to something we want to take care of."

"Un-used shops should be boarded appropriately or allocated to pop up shops for local colleges or enterprise. The dog dirt in dun laoghaire is appalling and really does impact on the local and visitor experience. Begging on the streets is growing and a real concern. The coastal amenities are lacking. Coffee shops, toilets would be a great addition."

"The dirt and neglect of the Main George's Street is unforgivable and unfathomable in this day and age. In stark contrast to the beauty of the seafront and especially the People's Park."

"I would make it cleaner. A lot of the streets particularly where I live are full of dog mess. It's disgusting and very off putting for visitors."

"I would like more control (cameras, fines etc) over people not cleaning after the dogs."

"Improvement of both safety, width, attractiveness of main pedestrian footpaths, in particular Tivoli Rd. More planting of flowers and trees, creation of a village feel within all areas within 10 min walk of the centre of town (including Glenageary Rd, Tivoli Rd, York Rd, or just beyond these perhaps?). Big fines for dog poo."

"Consider entering Entente Florale. Maybe have a window box/hanging basket competition between the retail/shops/coffee shops in the summer. The Parks do a very good job with the public displays, but the town needs more civic duty. More than that it needs a higher level of commitment on the part of the council using more imagination and better planning all round not just for buildings but for amenities and events."

"Total clean up of town centre. Stop feeding pigeons around the church because of rats"

"Increase street cleaning at weekends"

"Very neglected town centre"

"Very shabby appearance on certain streets."

"The cleanliness of the town this has gone down hill in the last year"

"The nuisance and dirt caused by scrumdidly's. I don't begrudge people their ice-creams, but that location has neither the parking nor the refuse containers for the many customers."

"Too much dog fouling on streets / parks etc.. One of our residents (now deceased) spent every morning picking up dog poo from our park"

"Dog owners - increase cleanliness with dog shit - getting fed up of zigzagging on sidewalks - fine them/track them especially at night time"

"The overall appearance of the town is that it is dirty and unloved. Marine road is filthy! The foot paths are covered in chewing gum and cigarette butts particularly outside the shopping centre door at the bus stop and again outside of Teddy's Ice Cream and the exit from the Pavillion Car Park. the box planting unit are lovely addition to the street scape but are very poorly maintained and should be watered, feed and cut on a regular basis."

"The awful unsightly cobbles at the junction of Marine Road and Georges St should be removed."

"Stretch between Monkstown and St Michael's hospital very untidy. Area around cinema and Bloomfield often very unclean. The bar on York Street has lot of outside seating in evening encouraging smokers- its very loud and often broken glass outside."

"Overfull bins on George's Street and at rear of restaurants"

"An organised monthly Residents cleaning / litter pick up."

SOCIAL SERVICES

"The positioning of the drug treatment unit in the middle of a residential area"

"Clinic has to go."

"Bring shoppers back to the Main Street & get rid of the junkies off the church wall"

"Drug dealers, drug & alcohol issues. Living in George's Place flow of addicts going by to Bentley House. More retail less charity shops"

"I have seen addicts shooting up by the railway station, my wife is constantly hassled by the Centra bus stop / out side pennys by drunks and drug addicts"

"I will remove drug addicts n beggars"

"Remove drug distribution center"

"I'm quite unsure about the drug rehabilitation centres opening up. Going out at night isn't always a pleasant experience."

"I would try and get rid of the concentration of drug treatment centres. Way too many in our town, they should be distributed around the Borough not concentrated in one town."

"Focus more on the working resident rather than focussing on those who don't contribute."

"I would close both the Methadone clinic and the homeless hostel. I live close to the hostel and it is a big source of anti social behavior. It has gone left unchecked because there is absolutely no garda presence in the area and they seem uninterested in disturbances in this area when contacted. The same applies to the main Street all hours of the day. I frequently see drugs being sold openly."

"I believe the social issues in Dun Laoghaire directly responsible for struggling businesses as it makes the town very unappealing to setup a small business."

"Begging on the streets is growing and a real concern."

"Drug services would be better spread out over more locations with smaller numbers at each"

"I would ensure that groups of drug addicts don't gather on the streets around the church drinking and nobody should have to be begging on the street or homeless."

"I would move the drug clinic to outside the main streets."

"Stop drug dealing in town"

"Get rid of the drug clinics. Move the homeless shelter."

"Change the drug dispensary up Patrick St. Drug users should be offered a complete detox and not be kept on Methadone."

"As a town we must retain HSE/Drug/Social services; however needs to encourage positive integration (community liaison & garda if necessary)"

"I would also change the HSE drug treatments as only Dun Laoghaire residents are eligible."

"Close drug unit - attracts addicts from other areas; local people could be accommodated by mobile clinic service."

HOUSING

"Most of the second story of the shops and commercial units all along George's street should be developed as apartments which would bring an instant human aspect to the street."

"I would like there to be more housing, (a good mixture and not just exclusively expensive) Possibly turning George's Street Upper into a residential area on both sides and putting apartments over the derelict shops."

"What about changing the upper floors of the shopping centre to reasonably priced flats or maybe student housing?"

"Homelessness"

"The upper floors of the retail buildings should be reconverted into living spaces would give more life back to the town also would help the retail sector."

"Build more apartments to have lower rents, influx of people = more community."

"Give owners a tax break to convert over shop rooms into quality accommodation at reasonable rental rates - we must get more people living in the town to create footfall."#

"Incentivise businesses to convert upper floors into residences"

"We need more high quality apartments and housing - on the harbour land, for example"

"Could above all the shops not be converted to 1 bed homes for students."

"I would also raze the shopping centre to the ground because it is an eye sore. It is not needed for a small town. Surely the retail businesses could occupy any of the numerous empty units on the main Street. Building apartments here would provide housing and increase footfall/population of the town and generate economic growth."

"Solve problem of empty & derelict units through a) offering owners incentives to convert into residential use - lack of accommodation in Dublin means demand is a certainty & b) strongly financially penalising owners of constantly empty units on main st ie Dunnes"

"Helping the homeless off the streets"

"Old senior college - convert to social housing"

"Knock down and rebuild old shopping centre and include retail / residential components to be modelled on lines of Eataly in Milan"

"We can't buck worldwide trends of the decline of Main Street retail so accept conversion of retail to housing. Result more people and a smaller but sustainable retail presence"

"Old Christian Brothers College to be developed for housing"

"I would get the council to incentivies & change their policy to shrink the commercial town centre. then make the vacant properties at either ends residential."

"In a struggling town I believe some of the main street should turn residential."

COMMUNITY & CIVIC SPACES

"Create a "town centre" with cafes, a fountain, seating, bars etc"

"I also note that there is no sheltered area where people can meet and congregate, as for instance one can find in Italian and Spanish cities in a plaza. Dun Laoghaire is a very windy place, some partially sheltered areas facing the sun would be nice."

"I feel the shopping centre needs to be redeveloped to allow for retail & restaurant units - but also enclosing an attractive civic space or square in the middle of the town for people to gather. I think that this would attract people from the seafront to the Main Street and would be a lovely community amenity."

"I would promote community activity and bring high retailers into the town. Reduce rents and create community hubs for the locals."

"Carnegie Library - outrageous DLRCC build a new library with NO PLAN for the gorgeous old building now lying empty and going derelict. Should be made available for community use - immediately."

"We need to promote the theatre more & hold more community events."

"One issue I find is that there seems to be a lack of amenities for young people, especially in the summer. The children are playing on the streets, and sometimes drawn to anti-social behaviour as there doesn't seem to be anything to do. There's nowhere to go to kick a ball, apart from the playground on Library Road which seems to be shut most of the time."

"Bring back a free music festival! That was just amazing to have"

"I adore this town and will support anything that brings life back to it, the people of Dun Laoghaire are the salt of the earth and some of the most decent and caring individuals you will ever meet. They come together as a community to support you when you need it."

"Promote more community events throughout the year as the culture and arts festival is great in the summer. "

"We need to promote the theatre more & hold more community events."

"We need a community maritime sports centre"

"I used to love the culture festival every summer, Shame it stopped."

"Community hub in old library used for community as originally intended!!"

"Try to improve nightlife options - not in clubs but in dinner/dining options, music, community/social events."

"Develop kids events"

"More things for under 18s to do"

"we need more effort from the council into promoting activities and places that young (20-30 year old) people are interested in"

"Additionally, there are not to many local family activities."

"Bowling alley ,youth clubs, jump zone, there should be more entertainments for kids youths that way you will get more people into the town."

"I would do more community activities and things for teenagers and youth. More art :-)"

"Bring back Festival of world culture."

"More playgrounds and activities for adults and kids"

"Breathe life into the town by promoting events & activities for young people on an everyday basis not just on weekends"

"As seen in Germany (Andernach, the edible city): Introduce free, communal, self-grown herbs, fruit and vegetables. Have big boxes all over the city, get local schools to adopt a box and the kids grow herbs, fruit and vegetables there and everyone is free to take what they want. Use this to run an image campaign."

"As seen in Germany: Introduce an annual "Open Gardens Day" where residents allow people to come and see their beautiful gardens. People buy a ticket for 10 EURs for the day and gain entry to all open gardens and maybe allow kids to sell lemonade in their gardens."

"Have a non commercial summer festival in People's Park in the summer that stretches over many weekends and brings the community together. There used to be open air cinema."

"Opening up empty community buildings (ie old library) to the community, eg homeless services, old peoples drop in or childrens play café"

"more night time activity"

"Carnegie Library - use for activities such as table tennis, snooker, boxing"

"More amenities for elderly"

"bring back festival of culture, more live music at night in pubs and venues."

"More things for young people "

"Open more activities in the town"

"INtergenerational public projects put on by DLRCOC."

"What happened to Cllr McCarthys idea of a ""Conversation Bench"" in Dun Laoghaire? Fabulous idea! Especially if there were several of them dotted around the piers and bay."

"Creative spaces for families to do things together in some of these derelict spaces could be good; crafts, board games, films about DL, both adult and childrens classes, a looped film about King Laoghaire and his fort, A film about how the town evolved. John Cook RIP made a good one a few years back but another for children would be great."

"I would love if there could be an arrangement for an extended ""Open House"" type activity in the DLR area, e.g. that there could be an arrangement with the owners of some of the more interesting houses to open their doors on certain days of the year or their gardens (houses with particular historical/architectural interest)."

"Insist on more community sponsored activities from Harbour Company"

"Dun Laoghaire becomes a virtual ghost town after 6pm when shops close. It needs to be energised in the evenings to bring people out"

"I wish there were more opportunities for young people - spaces to meet and chat and rest"

"increase voluntary input by citizens especially older/retired people"

"Bring back festival of World Cultures or a version of same."

"Community centre for the town (not affiliated to any church)"

"Make it livelier at night, for restaurants and pub owners to succeed."

"Not much shared events or spaces for civic inclusion or open sports facilities for all ages."

"Better promotion of cultural facilities- maritime museum, oratory, Joyce tower"

"Carnegie Library needs immediate attention to maintain it."

"An organised monthly Residents cleaning / litter pick up."

"Open gay bar"

"There are no playground spaces in the west/monkstown end of the town. We live on Georges Place with a young family. Many apartments and houses with young children and no local outdoor space for them to play in then area. Would love even a small play space nearby!"

HARBOUR SPACE

"One does wonder how well the harbour is being run. The loss of the ferry service was a major blow. However the infrastructure to cope with the traffic is not there. The plan to bring in cruise ships is not a substitute and the evidence has been that the cruise passengers have not stayed in the town but been bussed out to Dublin as soon as they have arrived."

"Re-tender for a business hub in the ferry terminal with clarity over the lease (!).

"Do something with the old ferry terminal that is a tourist attraction rather than a business."

"We need the Harbour space that has become available to be a 1 a hotel something like Burj Al Arab Jumeirah (someone should approach the owners about building something similar there!) this will bring interest money and attention to the town - think big ! Or 2. A major interactive and augmented reality center with a 360 degree cinema, perhaps a huge aquarium with a restaurant in the middle of it surrounding waters ? - Approach the creators of similar attractions in USA"

"The old Stena Sealink Terminal and the Carlisle Pier are currently not "places of interest". I do know that there were ambitious plans for the Terminal building but for whatever reason these have faltered. It should be in the interest of the council to get these areas working and producing and bringing them back to life as part of the town."

"Bring the ferry back"

"Bring back a ferry service"

"The life has been knocked out of Dun Laoghaire, we need the shops back and also a ferry service!"

"integration of the harbour with the town"

"The coastal amenities are lacking. Coffee shops, toilets would be a great addition."

"Clean up/utilize Harbour plaza and ferry terminal"

"The ferries need to be brought back - getting the advice of experts to see how it can be made viable again."

HISTORY/HERITAGE

"The Victorian architecture is slowly but surely being compromised by new builds of low design merit being built in side gardens or to the rear. Examples can be seen at the end of Clarinda Park, corner of Silchester Park and Monkstown Road."

- "1. Change planning laws that allow residents and architects compromise the domestic heritage architecture, including 20th Century architecture. We are seeing an increase in large, modern extensions to family homes, with inappropriate and ill considered detailing appear around all of the residential areas in Dun Laoghaire.
2. A change in planning laws that allow residents sell off large parts of gardens next to their heritage architecture homes for small housing developments.
3. Stop developers coming in to the area building on the last of our green spaces. Including small historical green areas next to existing heritage properties."

"DLR has huge touristic potential but I do not feel this is being exploited. By bringing more tourists to the town you would increase income for local businesses which in turn would improve the quality of the main street. To Market and the Christmas fairs are great but more of the type of thing can be done and historical sites can be developed."

"Promote pride in Dun Laoghaire heritage."

"In the main street, all old building should be restored to turn this st in an attractive one."

"Focus on promoting history of area. More attractive street lighting like the historical lights being introduced across central Dublin at present (read article on this recently)."

"Not have modern architecture within ACA"

"Give council the power to enforce property owners to maintain their buildings to good standard & appearance"

"Modern developments are often ugly, should be banned, we need a coherent, tasteful overall plan."

"Restore the character of a Victorian town, as accomplished in Blackrock & Dalkey"

"improve planning: new buildings should be sympathetic in style and scale to surrounding buildings
Architectural guidelines for streets"

"The quality of the new public buildings and apartments make no effort to compliment the Victorian street scape."

"Garish shopfront signage not conducive to period buildings e.g. Dunnes Stores's vertical signage."

"Create cultural coastal cycle path and walkway from Martello tower to sandymount - celebrating the route James Joyce took from his residence at the Martello Tower sandycove point into town during which time he wrote Ulysses
Include resting / look-out points with plaques featuring quotations from Ulysses."

"Of particular interest to me is Council Assistance to local Resident Groups for maintenance of the Historic Squares. Any increase in this budget (in particular funding to mend the crumbling boundary wall of Crosthwaite Park and Corrig Road would be much appreciated ! Thank you for volunteering to highlight this. Would be very happy to help."

"It has so much potential, but isn't well run in many areas - with the exception of the seafront area, and a few specific projects like the Mountains to Sea Festival, some of the Lexicon events, and the Sunday market. Co Co needs to take a broader view of the town, both as a place to live and a place to visit, and perhaps create a designated 'Old town Conservation area' within the boundaries of Glenageary Rd, Tivoli Rd/Royal Tce, and York Rd?"

CYCLE & FOOTPATHS

"The disregard of infrastructure (upgrading of paths and roads) to facilitate new large scale developments on the Old Golf Course site.

" Reduce the overuse of cycle lanes and increase and maintain footpaths."

"More safe bikelanes. Especially on the sea front."

"We pay EUR750 to EUR1000 LPT p/a and we do not see that money being spent on our street. The width of the footpath on Tivoli Road, where we live, is narrow and unsafe as this is a busy road. The path hasn't been maintained in years and it's dangerous to walk on in places."

"The footpath from the dart station heading north should be resurfaced as it is commonly used by many, including the elderly, and it is in terrible condition."

"More cycle paths that are kid friendly to encourage more families cycling to school."

"Protruding kerbs (dangerous in snow), 'lumpy' footpaths, noisy (badly replaced) manhole covers, uneven footpaths, better street lighting"

"Improve pedestrian crossings, stop cars parking on footpaths (pavilion and Patrick st)"

"Better pedestrian access to all amenities"

"Improvement of both safety, width, attractiveness of main pedestrian footpaths, in particular Tivoli Rd. Safer cycle lanes"

"Make it more pedestrian friendly"

"Remove all cobble stones - a danger to walking sticks and frames"

"Abolish paving stones in street at shopping centre, dangerous to pedestrians"

"Cobble stones - very difficult to walk on - for people with impaired vision."

"The awful unsightly cobbles at the junction of Marine Road and Georges St should be removed."

"Remove cobblestones and macadam strips"

"More pedestrian and cycling lanes."

SAFETY

"There is a high level of anti-social behavior and nobody is doing anything about it. It's the same gang of individuals. I'd like to see this dealt with.

" I've really noticed it the past 6 months as I'm on maternity Leave. There is NEVER any Garda presence on the streets. My husband called the Garda numerous times , especially during the summer when they were taking drugs and drinking on George's place. It's a disgrace."

"Concerns around theft, unsociable behaviour and personal safety at night are a growing concern, so a stronger Garda presence would make a huge difference."

"More police on the streets."

"The harbour is not the priority. Dealing with Dun Laoghaires anti social behaviour drunks drugs is. It should be a thriving community as active as galway / other related seaside towns, but now its just a scary place. Have lived here all my life."

"More gardai on the streets that are visible."

"A dead town at night that is unwelcoming and a little intimidating"

"I believe the social issues in dun laoghaire are directly responsible for struggling businesses as it makes the town very unappealing to setup a small business."

"Increase anti social behaviour in some areas."

"I barely see Garda patrols in the street here, I am commuting to work (based in Dublin 4), so it takes me approx. 15 minutes to walk from Cualanor to the dart station. The streets are very deserted early in the morning and in the evening when I am back, so I never know if I am safe walking along so many semi-detached houses and cars parked nearby."

"More garda on the streets, controlling of drug users, anti social behaviour."

"Speeding traffic is a major issue with me. I would love to see random speed check/camera on some streets (especially Tivoli Road)."

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

"There is a serious need for climate action plans. There should be a conscious effort and priority to push Dun Laoghaire towards the EU 2030 and 2050 emissions targets. Carbon reduction plans (such as creating green spaces or facilitating green energy) should be created and made available. This not only helps decrease our carbon footprint but also improves the quality of our environment and community."

"I am becoming increasingly aware of global warming Wouldnt it be great as a coastal town and residential community we could become a forerunner in promoting greater awareness and prevention. I am on new site cualanor and yet the messages regarding recycling upcycling and reusing in non existent. I checked dlrc website to see if I could get any further but nil. Also in your questionnaire there is limited emphasis on it. However it is lovely to see that the communities are getting together. It would be great if issue of global warming high on our agendas. In every aspect of our community."

"No active communication or consultation about climate change issues, energy saving, no NUDGING POSTERS about greening habits or homes."

"Definitely improve the cleanliness of the town, promote environmental education and the local trade in a sustainable way."

"Combine empty shop fronts in main street and other streets into (Potential to be state of the art eco centre and organic food & sustainable produce hub)"

"I'd try to develop something unusual in DL that adds value for residents and attracts folks from other areas. For example: Dun Laoghaire - Ireland's Eco Town. Let lots of things in the city evolve around that and market it accordingly:

1) Attract a plastic free supermarket. Unusual, current affair, strong public interest, I heard there is 1 in the country so far. People from DUB would travel to DL for that.

2) As seen in Germany (Andernach, the edible city): Introduce free, communal, self-grown herbs, fruit and vegetables. Have big boxes all over the city, get local schools to adopt a box and the kids grow herbs, fruit and vegetables there and everyone is free to take what they want. Use this to run an image campaign.

3) Get the Happy Pear to open a restaurant/cafe, attracts crowds & good for community. Give them an incentive.

4) As seen in Germany: Introduce an annual ""Open Gardens Day"" where residents allow people to come and see their beautiful gardens. People buy a ticket for 10 EURs for the day and gain entry to all open gardens and maybe allow kids to sell lemonade in their gardens.

5) Have a non commercial summer festival in People's Park in the summer that stretches over many weekends and brings the community together. There used to be open air cinema.

6) Also plant boxes with flowers for bees. Label everything accordingly and run a big campaign that advertises DL as an eco town.

7) All of this might result in other eco brands/companies wanting to open shops in DL. Adjust rates accordingly to make it attractive."

OTHER

"It's a city in its own right- it has the best of everything, Howth has its own visit Howth campaign. DL has so much more to offer but it's all so disjointed. We need to connect everything up somehow. Weave a community together that already exists and is willing and wanting to engage. Thanks for listening!"

"The abandoned buildings on the corner or Tivoli Rd and York Rd need immediate action."

"A fairer share of Local Property TAX within our community."

"Residents need a bigger voice at council meetings."

"There is need for more trees, more pedestrian crossings (not always lights) and less urbanism"

"More information about what is being regenerated ie pier area, what's happening and when."

"Storyboards about the town would be an idea. My mother is 97 and it's wonderful to hear about old Dun Laoghaire."

"Many vacant properties and neglected retail units is a disgrace."

"Homeless on streets not only government failure but local authority's too. Not much shared events or spaces for civic inclusion or open sports facilities for all ages."

"List local trades people to shop local for improvements"

"Include younger generation in Initiatives TY students?"

"education - senior college, plans for that building?"

"Is there general suggestion box when come across something you think could be improved?"

"Develop sea-food restaurants, (which would encourage visitors to enjoy sea-side aspect)"

"Ban Dundrum councillors from voting on Dun Laoghaire local issues (esp parking)"

"Laneway opportunities e.g. Brook Lane behind Green Project"

"Put in more seating in the town for elderly residents

Make it a town to stop and chat"

"Repaint it a fresh vibrant colour."

"Make Co. Coucil unblock all shores/gullies"

"What happened to Cllr McCarthys idea of a ""Conversation Bench"" in Dun Laoghaire? Fabulous idea! Especially if there were several of them dotted around the piers and bay."

"Modern developments are often ugly, should be banned, we need a coherent, tasteful overall plan."

"The Irish lights space cleaned up a bit! Maybe trees just up to the top of their yard workshop wall."

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"Overflow at pumping station MUST BE SOLVED"

"make it more dog friendly, extend market hours and days?"

"I would get the council to incentives & change their policy to shrink the commercial town centre. then make the vacant properties at either ends residential. Give funding if shops & commercial premises follow shop front & colour guidelines so Dun Laoghaire gets an attractive & fully occupied main street such as Greystones."

"As indicated above I would include the name Dunleary to accompany Dún Laoghaire as town name, English is best marketed to English speakers. Orally residents chosen Dunleary as the town name.

We need to sell ourselves better. Our town is being out marketed by Howth, Greystones, Dundrum, Monkstown and now Blackrock, all with English names."

"I have before suggested to the council that a European glockenspiel as a focal point to show that we are staying very much in Europe (EU)"

"Restrict flow of 40ft lorries or super trucks."

Errection of gates at each end of East Lane to prevent fly-tipping